

Biographical Sketches of Democratic Candidates

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Following are biographical sketches of the nominees and expected nominees of the Democratic party for statewide office:

James B. Donovan

For United States Senator

Into his legal career Mr. Donovan has crammed a variety of work, from straightening out involved legal tangles for big insurance companies to assignments tinged with adventure in international relations.

He has been busy most recently trying to arrange with the Cuban Government the release of 1,113 invasion prisoners. Earlier this year Mr. Donovan negotiated the exchange of the U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for the Soviet spy Col. Rudolf I. Abel.

In 1957 Mr. Donovan agreed, at official request, to defend Abel in his trial for espionage. The lawyer and his family were subjected to vilification during the trial.

Mr. Donovan commented at the time: "If the free world is not faithful to its own moral code, there remains no society for which others may hunger."

After the Abel appeal was presented before the United States Supreme Court, Chief Justice Earl Warren said of Mr. Donovan: "I think I can say that in my time on this court no man has undertaken a more arduous and self-sacrificing task."

A stock, powerfully built man, Mr. Donovan at the age of 46 has silvery white hair that is receding a bit above his prominent forehead. He is a cigarette smoker and a moderate drinker.

Attended Harvard

He was born in the Bronx on Feb. 29, 1916, the son of a prominent surgeon. He graduated from Fordham College and then attended the Harvard Law School.

In 1943 he entered the Navy as an ensign and rose to the rank of commander. During World War II he was general counsel to the Office of Strategic Services. After the war he was in charge of visual evidence, including captured enemy motion pictures, at the Nuremberg trial of Nazi war criminals.

In recent years Mr. Donovan has been a member of the law firm of Watters & Donovan. Last year he was appointed a member of the New York City Board of Education and is its vice president.

Mr. Donovan lives at 35 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, with his wife and four children. He plays golf in the 90's and collects rare books and illuminated manuscripts.

John J. Burns

For Lieutenant Governor

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winning election for his first four-year term in 1952.

He has been able to work in harmony with the Valley Development Foundation, a group of businessmen, mostly Republicans, with whom he has co-operated to bring urban renewal to downtown Binghamton. His political opponents blame him for the city's steadily rising tax rate and for some assessment policies that allegedly favored his friends.

Since it is tough to be a Democrat in Binghamton, his campaign posters in 1961 did not carry the party emblem or identify him as a Democrat.

Mr. Burns is 41 years old and is a Roman Catholic. He and his wife, Theresa, have 11 children ranging from 18 months to 18 years. He was once a choir singer in Binghamton's St. Patrick's Church.

Arthur Levitt

For Controller

Mr. Levitt is an organization Democrat whose faithfulness to the party led him into an unsuccessful primary fight against Mayor Wagner last year when the Mayor was battling party leaders in the city.

First elected Controller in 1954, when he ran on the ticket headed by former Gov. W. Averell Harriman, Mr. Levitt was the only Democrat elected to statewide office in 1958, when Governor Rockefeller defeated Mr. Harriman by a near-record plurality.

Mr. Levitt is a steady, serious man who has the reputation of keeping his nose to the grindstone. Nevertheless, he is considered popular upstate, where he has shown interest in improving school systems and in the financial problems of local governments.

during his college days. Mr. Levitt keeps in shape by working out three times a week at a gymnasium. He is a regular jogger, and reads extensively, especially in Shakespeare.

Mr. Levitt, who is Jewish, is married and has one son.

Edward R. Dudley

For Attorney General

In his varied and distinguished career, Mr. Dudley has served in local government, in Federal Government and in other public agencies.

In 1942, the year after his graduation from St. John's Law School in Brooklyn, he was appointed an assistant New York State attorney general. Late in 1943 he left that post to join the legal staff of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

That post brought him into court battles for the admission of Negroes to Southern universities, to outlaw discrimination in interstate transportation and to equalize the pay of Negro and white teachers in Southern States.

The fight for equal pay undoubtedly was close to his heart. As a young man he taught at a one-room school for 56 Negro pupils near Staunton, Va., for 10 months, while white teachers were getting nearly twice as much.

Mr. Dudley left the association in 1945 for a two-year stint as executive assistant and legal counsel to the Governor of the Virgin Islands. He became Ambassador to Liberia and this country's first Negro Ambassador on President Truman's appointment in 1948.

During his five years in Liberia he won a reputation for being keenly interested in the country's public health, engineering, agricultural and educational problems.

was born in Roanoke, Va., on March 11, 1911. His father was a dentist and his mother the sister of Edward A. Johnson, the first Negro elected to the New York State Assembly.

He studied at the segregated Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina and at Howard University before coming to New York to study law.

Tall and well-built, Mr. Dudley keeps fit by playing golf and tennis and by swimming. He is adept at sleight-of-hand tricks, is an excellent bridge player and is an amateur chef.

His wife is the former Miss Rae Elizabeth Olley, a New York City public school teacher. They have one son, Edward Jr., a student at Occidental College in California.

John F. Scileppi

For Court of Appeals

John F. Scileppi (pronounced Shileppi) has been a well-regarded judge since 1940. He served first in Municipal Court in Elmhurst, Queens; in Queens County Court starting in 1952 and, as a result of court reorganization, in Supreme Court since Sept. 1.

He has also been an ardent Elk, Exalted Ruler of Queensboro Lodge and state president, and since 1951 a member of the five-man Grand Forum, the national order's highest court.

Born in Corona, Queens, on July 17, 1902, he was graduated from Newtown High School and the Fordham Law School. He was an attorney to bank receivers in 1932 and Chief Deputy County Clerk in 1938 and 1939.

For fifteen years he was president of the North Corona Taxpayers Association and for